

## The Cog

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**March 28, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "In the Good Old Summer Time." There were no birthdays. Ann Larger, member of the New Bremen Rotary, was our guest.

### Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel gave a dollar in advance for her picture in the paper, and a happy dollar for her mother's successful surgery. Marty Dodrill had the opportunity to see JTDMH up close and personal and was happy for what a great job they do, Sue Pittman for the Arts Council jazz outing, Business Person's breakfast at the library April 5th, and Doris' improvement, Dan Hosek for AAP being recognized as business of the year at the Chamber

banquet, Kraig Noble for his father being recognized at the Jefferson Awards, Keith Fledderjohann for OSU making the Final Four, Mike Makley for his son's wedding and for Glen Hux being here today, Randy Elsass for winning the drawing last week, and Jon Hall was happy too.

### Fines

Jon Hall did the fining. He fined Linda for anticipating a fine for the newspaper picture, Glen Hux for fining Jon in the past, Bill Maki for his bright shirt, all attendance committee members, Kraig because our song today lacked enthusiasm, anyone who is in a NCAA tournament pool and still has a team left, and anyone not wearing a Rotary tie.

### Announcements

There are still some Rotary directories to be picked up.

April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a board meeting at 10:45 am.

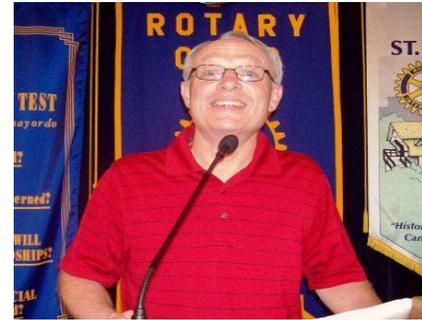
District Assembly is Saturday, March 31st, at BGSU.

Linda presented a check to Rick Gerdeman for the Hospice benefit scheduled April 21<sup>st</sup>.



### Program

PE Robbie Burke introduced Glen Hux as our speaker today. Glen is the executive director of the Mercer County Civic Foundation. He is a graduate of Lincolnview High School and spent 24 years in education, many of those years were spent as a principal.



Glen spoke to us today about his childhood and his experience growing up in an orphanage. He shared with us stories from his early childhood in what he described as a dysfunctional family. At a young age, his Aunt Martha stepped in and removed him and his four siblings from the household. They ended up at the Marsh Foundation School in Van Wert, and Glen stayed there until he graduated from high school.

The Marsh Foundation School became home and Glen spoke of many fond memories. All the children there were treated the same, down to matching shirts and haircuts.

When Glen started college one of his first professors, Richard Dell, asked each student to write a biography of their life. After reading Glen's life story, Professor Dell offered Glen a job on his farm. Glen worked on the farm until he finished college and claims that without his help he probably wouldn't

have graduated from college. In fact, Glen went on to complete three college degrees.

Glenn and his four siblings grew up to have successful, happy lives. Glen left us with a very powerful message on how this was possible. He told us that we are all responsible for what we become in life and we cannot allow ourselves to become victims. And he stressed the importance of getting involved to help others. Nobody can be successful without the help of someone else.

### Queen of Hearts

Rick Green won the daily drawing but could not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 4-4 Amy Dirksen, JTDMH Sports Clinic
- 4-11 Loraine Fischio, St. Marys Living Center
- 4-18 Denise Pugh, JTDMH Vascular Screening

### Upcoming Greeters

- 4-4 Jeff Squire
- 4-11 Linda Haines
- 4-18 Fred Wiswell

*\*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?